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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte RICHARD ROBERT SCHEDIWY and FEDERICO FAGGIN

Appeal No. 2002-1436 Application 09/176,639 WAILED

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before STONER, <u>Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, HARKCOM, <u>Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, and WILLIAM F. SMITH, <u>Administrative Patent Judge</u>.

Per curiam.

On July 2, 2002, counsel for the appellants filed, among other documents, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

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Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

BRUCE H. STONER, JR. Chief Administrative Patent Judge

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